

Tuk JAKOVA, spoke on behalf of the Government in presenting the proposed budget estimate for 1952: Ten billion and three hundred million leks income against ten billion and two hundred million leks expenditures; (50 leks is equivalent to one dollar).

On the occasion of the "International Day for Women", the Albanian Women's Union held a meeting during which the president of the Union, Mrs. Nexhmije HOXHA, spoke. Great preparations are being made for the 2nd Congress of Workers Party which should begin on 31 March.

It is of considerable interest in the internal affairs of Albania of the return on the political scene of Tuk Jakova, who for a long time was eclipsed and now is in the limelight again.

C. Economic Situation:

The second state loan was announced on February 15 for 300,000,000 leks which is to be reimbursed in twenty years at 4%. According to official sources, actually 405,125,800 leks were subscribed--35% more than the prescribed sum.

The construction of the Mati Hydroelectric Plant has been intensified during February and March. Besides, construction has begun on two new railroad lines: PAPER-TSERRIK and MEMALIAJ-VLORA.

The arrival of numerous technicians from the Soviet Union have been noted. They are to set up new industrial plants and to insure the proper functioning of those already in operation.

D. Military situation:

The Minister of Defense organized on February 28 solemn celebrations for the 34th anniversary of the Soviet army.

E. Press and Propaganda:

The press has increased its anti-American propaganda and has attacked Greece and Turkey on the occasion of their admission into the North Atlantic Pact and continues its accustomed campaign against Yugoslavia and Greece.

The construction of the new Radio Station in Tirana is almost completed.

F. Conclusions:

Lately a feeling of increased "unrest" seems to be prevalent. This is not the usual nervousness of being suspected by the Sigurimi, because the Government has been using this method

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of "suspicion" for a long time as a means of political, social and economic defense. Understanding that this definition of suspect is vague enough and replaces proof, everybody is accustomed somewhat to the idea that their liberty depends on simple presuppositions.

Actually, the present state of nervousness seems to be apparent with the leaders than with the masses. It may be that the formation of such a state of mind has contributed to the long and unexplained absence of the Soviet minister TSCHOUVAKINE, who left December 13, 1951, and has not yet returned to Tirana."

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